

**Amendments to the Specification**

On page 1, before “**Background of the Invention**” please insert the following paragraph:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/629,585, entitled “Method And Apparatus For Uninterrupted Packet Transfer Using Replication Over Disjoint Paths,” filed July 31, 2000, and naming Bijendra N. Jain and Keith McCloghrie as inventors.